

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COOK COUNTY  
May 24, 2023 at 9:39 a.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Wendy Walker Williams, Chair  
Polly Kuehl, Vice Chair  
Dr. Normah Selleh-Barone, Commissioner  
Nilda Soler, Commissioner  
Elaine Kroll, Commissioner  
Eric L. Slaughter, Commissioner

**COMMISSIONER NOT PRESENT**

Herb Porter, Commissioner

**HACC STAFF PRESENT**

Alesia Hushaw, Chief of Staff  
Karl Becker, Chief Financial Officer  
Sheryl Seiling, Director of Rent Assistance  
Deborah O'Donnell, Procurement Manager  
Jon Duncan, General Counsel  
Raquel Burnette, Director of Human Resource  
Debbie Kyker, Executive Assistant  
Diana Cornejo, Paralegal

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Lizzie Kane, Chicago Tribune Housing Reporter (via phone)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wendy Walker Williams called the May 24, 2023 meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Cook County to order at approximately 9:39 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Wendy Walker Williams opened the floor for public comments, but no public comments were submitted.

**MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
(CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC)**

Chair Wendy Walker Williams requested that the Board move into Executive Session in order to discuss the appointment of an Interim Executive Director.

General Counsel Jon Duncan stated that Section 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act allows the Board to move into Executive Session for this purpose, and that the Act also requires that minutes of the Executive Session would be kept separately and that no votes could be taken during the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Polly Kuehl and seconded by Commissioner Nilda Soler to move into Executive Session to discuss the temporary fill of Executive Director. The motion carried with all “ayes,” after which the Board moved into Executive Session for which minutes are kept separately.

**BOARD RETURNS TO REGULAR PUBLIC SESSION**

Following the Executive Session, the Board moved back into Regular Public Session. Lizzie Kane of *The Chicago Tribune* was contacted by telephone so that she could hear the resumed public session.

General Counsel Jon Duncan noted in Public Session that no votes had been taken during the Executive Session, other than to approve a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and to return to the Public Session.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – HACC – 19**

**To temporarily fill a vacancy in the position of the Executive Director**

Chair Wendy Walker Williams noted the Board’s appreciation of the service of both Chief of Staff Alesia Hushaw and Director of Rent Assistance Sheryl Seiling, and she explained the Board’s reasons that were discussed in Executive Session regarding why the Board believed that it was preferable to appoint someone else to serve as Executive Director temporarily while the application process was underway for the permanent Executive Director position. Both Alesia Hushaw and Sheryl Seiling will continue as applicants for the permanent Executive Director position.

A motion was made in public session by Commissioner Eric L. Slaughter and seconded by Commissioner Nilda Soler to appoint Jon Duncan as Temporary Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Cook County. Following a discussion, the motion carried with all “ayes.”

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Temporary Executive Director and General Counsel Jon Duncan noted that his appointment as Executive Director would be temporary only and that he would not be a candidate for the permanent Executive Director position.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for the Board's consideration, Chair Wendy Walker Williams requested a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Board, which was made by Commissioner Eric L. Slaughter and seconded by Commissioner Nilda Soler. The motion to adjourn carried with all "ayes."

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jon A. Duncan  
Temporary Executive Director and General Counsel

8-11-23  
DATE